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Mr. Coffey,

Attached for your information is a copy of a form and instructions for its completion which the IPC's have agreed to use in developing an Agency computer application registry. I plan to use essentially this same information supplemented by information extracted from office program submissions showing plans through 1975 in response to your suggestion some time ago that we have such a compilation for DDS information and use. I expect to have this completed in the next two or three weeks.

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Last week I mentioned to you that [redacted] plans to give up his present chair on 23 April and move into his new position in the DDI Planning Staff about 8 May. He is to be Chief of a newly created ASPIN Staff which stands for "Automated System for Production of Intelligence". This staff is to be concerned with the follow-on system to COINS. The [redacted] positions have been planned for: [redacted] from DDS&T; [redacted] from DDI; and [redacted] from DDS (Office of Communications).

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25X1A I checked with [redacted] and learned that he had never heard of ASPIN or a space requirement for it. He checked with the DDI Support people [redacted] and found out that the Planning Staff people in DDI were in the process of developing a proposal, hopefully offering a solution as well as identifying the requirement.

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25X1A I called [redacted] to be sure he was aware of the requirement for Commo people and learned that he was not. I went back to [redacted] who insists that the plans for ASPIN have been in the Agency programs for at least two and probably three years. The arrangement for the [redacted] positions in the Office of Communications were worked out with [redacted] and, according to Leo, they were scrubbed again during the program hearings last year when it was specifically decided to keep them. I asked him if there were some documentation to support the ASPIN plans and he said there was. I asked him to produce it and make copies available to help us get prepared.

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[redacted] his move early in May, he does not accommodate it much before 1 July. [redacted] and will keep you informed.

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/s/ RHW

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